

## Rhomberg Wins First Place In Oratorical Contest

### BISHOP DRUMM IS CELEBRANT AT SERVICES

In the presence of a large gathering of city clergy, and before a congregation made up of the student body and Sisters from various convents in the city, the Right Reverend T. W. Drumm, Bishop of Des Moines, celebrated Pontifical High Mass in the college chapel, St. Joseph's Day, March 19.

Assisting him with the ceremonies were Rev. H. P. Rohlman, Asst. Priest; Fr. Joseph, O. S. F., Deacon of the Mass; Rev. J. B. Craney, Sub-Deacon of the Mass; Very Rev. T. Conry and Rev. J. J. Breitbach, Deacons of honor; Rev. John Theobald, Master of Ceremonies; Rev. J. Klott, Asst. Master of Ceremonies; Messrs. Link and Eischeid, Acolytes; Messrs. Bohr and Lilly, Book and Candle; Messrs. Kirchen and Nolan, Crozier and Miter; Mr. J. T. O'Loughlin, Censer Bearer; and Messrs. Meyers, Prochaska, Lefebure and McLain, Torch Bearers.

The Vested choir, under the direction of Dr. Alphonse Dress, rendered the "Missa Solemnis", by Pietro A. Yon. The "Sanctus" was by Rossini.

The sanctuary was beautifully and appropriately decorated by the Sisters who were assisted by Father Striegel and his able corps of helpers.

The sermon of the day was delivered by the Reverend E. J. Dougherty, Pastor of St. Raphael's Cathedral. Speaking from the text in the Book of Proverbs, "The just man shall be praised", Fr. Dougherty paid, in part, the following tribute to St. Joseph:

"The Church presents for our edification a long list of saints many of whom were eloquent preachers and apostles, while others exemplified the fruits of the hidden life. To this latter class belong St. Joseph.

"No word of St. Joseph is recorded in the New Testament, but that was because the foster father of Our Lord recognized the supreme right of the Blessed Virgin Mary to address the Divine Child alone. St. Joseph obeyed, not by word of mouth, but by immediate compliance with every command that concerned the welfare of the Holy Family.

"St. Joseph has at all times been recognized as the Patron of the Universal Church; hence it is easy to understand how he is nearer to us, individually, than is any other saint. And more particularly, St. Joseph is the Patron of the College. Therefore, the attitude of every student should be one of familiar devotion. Go to St. Joseph to learn obedience; make him your companion for contentment and peace throughout life.

### ELOCUTIONARY CONTEST

#### Preliminary To Be Held April 3rd.

The Public Speaking Department of the academy has announced that the selection of speakers for the annual declamatory contest will be made Friday, April 3rd. The final contest will be held some time after Easter.

All academy students are eligible for the preliminary contest, April 3rd, and all are encouraged to enter. The elocutionary (or declamatory) contest is one of the biggest events of the scholastic year and always attracts a large audience from the city. Moreover, practically all the college dramatic stars and orators have had their first training in these academy contests. And what is more, each student who appears in the "preliminaries" profits immensely from his efforts even should he fail to be selected for the "finals". The six best declaimers will be selected for the annual event. Look up a good selection, get Prof. Cretzmeyer's approval, and begin work at once.

### TO CHOOSE NEW LORIAN STAFF

On Friday, March 27, the present editors of The Lorian will be replaced by a new staff. Some of those who now make The Lorian will continue in their positions throughout this year and next, but there are at least four or five places open for students inexperienced in the newspaper game.

In order to get an idea of the ability of the new reporters an informal tryout is being staged. Everyone wishing a berth on the staff for the remainder of this school year and the entire scholastic year starting next September is asked to hand in one or more news stories on or before Sunday, March 22. No one will be considered for a place on the editorial staff unless he has written at least one news story or editorial. The more stories a student turns in the better are his chances for selection.

All prospective reporters are asked to remember that news stories are wanted rather than editorials. In fact, a good news story will be given twice as much consideration as an editorial.

Students on the Lorian staff will receive experience which will undoubtedly prove of value in future life whether they wish to enter newspaper work or not.

The custom of appointing editors for the one scholastic year before

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### MISSIONARY STORY CONTEST.

The "Missionary Story Contest", sponsored by The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, is now in progress in this diocese, and will close on the fifth of April. All academy students are urged to enter. Below, we are printing a list of topics and the conditions for the contest. A large number of entries from Columbia Academy is expected.

Topics:

1. The First Church in the Diocese of Dubuque and Its Builder.
2. The Coming of the First Sisters to the Diocese.
3. An Incident in the Pioneer Struggles of Our Sisters.
4. Story of a Pioneer's Devotion to His Religion.

How Developed: In the form of a story or historical incidents. The data used should be based on facts.

Sources of Information: Living eye or ear witnesses of the incident you wish to relate are the best sources.

Length: High School Grades not to exceed 700 words.

Time: Closing date—April 5.

Prizes: Three handsome prizes are offered.

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All articles must be written with pen and ink on one side of the paper only.

The name and age and address of sender must be plainly written and placed in a sealed envelope accompanying the manuscript.

Every article must be endorsed as ORIGINAL by parent, teacher or guardian.

All contributions must be sent to

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### ADDRESS BY DUBUQUE BANKER

Joseph A. Meyer, cashier of the Consolidated National Bank of Dubuque, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Academy of Current History in the Science Hall auditorium Monday evening, March 16.

Mr. Meyer spoke on "The Problems of Modern Day Banking" and in able style traced the history of banking from its simple stages in the sixteenth century to the expansive financial system in the world today. He described the Federal Reserve system and explained its facility in making the currency elastic. A state law to prevent private banks was advocated by him and he said that no community of less than four hundred should be permitted to maintain a bank. "What we want in banks is quality and not quantity", he asserted.

### Arthur Vorwald Is Given Second Honors By Decision of Judges.

J. Anthony Rhomberg of Dubuque gained first place in the annual Oratorical contest held in the Auditorium last evening. Arthur J. Vorwald, also of Dubuque, winner of second place last year, again gained second honors. The two other speakers who distinguished themselves were Frank P. Mulligan of Tama, Iowa and Edward J. McPartland of Cedar Rapids.

Rhomberg had as his subject, "The Problem of the Pacific". With ease of delivery and keen force he handled the subject of the Japanese exclusion. He told of the inability of assimilation between the Mongolian and Caucasian races. He upheld America's latest foreign policy regarding the Japanese and pointed out their utter incompatibility with American citizenship.

The winner who took part in last year's contest, was a graduate of the Academy and has been very active in college dramatics.

Vorwald, winner of the second place had the unassuming title of "False Weights". With energetic delivery he referred to the false weights of sentimentality which enter the scales of justice in favor of the murderer. He is also a member of the College Dramatic club and has been quite active in Columbia's activities.

Mulligan spoke on the "Virtue Trusts", and played the so-called reformers of the day. McPartland had as his subject "The Menace of the Drug", in dramatic style he showed the havoc wrought in our country by the use of opium.

The judges for the contest were the Rev. J. K. Nilles, Galena, Ill., Rev. J. J. Horsburgh, Chicago, Ill.; Geo. McLean, Dubuque, Iowa. Everyone had the highest praise for the speakers and many pronounced the contest the best in years.



J. ANTHONY RHOMBERG



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## ST. JOSEPH, THE GENTLEMAN.

Throughout the history of the Church, St. Joseph, Patron of Columbia College, has rightfully been praised as the model of every Christian virtue. Yet, notwithstanding all that has been written in St. Joseph's honor, we are not aware that anyone has directed the attention of the modern world to the character of our Patron as a Christian gentleman.

The word "gentleman" is a hard term to define. Cardinal Newman recognized that fact when, in his "Idea of a University," he stated that "it is almost the definition of a gentleman that he is one who never inflicts pain." The age of chivalry stressed many of the principles that enter into the formation of a gentlemanly character, but we have yet to find a single knight who embodied all the ideals that we consider requisite.

When Edmund Burke lauded "the dignified obedience, the sensibility to principle, and the chastity of honor" that distinguished the knighthood that was passing in his day, he paid an eloquent tribute to the external gallantry of the the eighteenth century. His definition might fit admirably the character of Sir Walter Raleigh, who threw down his cloak to be walked upon by Queen Elizabeth, or of Sir Philip Sidney, who, mortally wounded at the battle of Zutphen, gave his precious canteen to a dying comrade; but it leaves out of consideration those unobtrusive habits and dispositions which are indispensable to a Christian gentleman. St. Joseph possessed these no less than the external forms of etiquette and gallantry.

St. Joseph's was an instinctive chivalry. He not only "never inflicted pain," but he even shielded from pain all who came under his beneficent care. Note how tenderly he safeguarded the honor of Our Blessed Lady; how unselfishly he provided for the Divine Child and His Holy Mother; and how wholeheartedly he complied with the Will of God—whether that Will manifested itself through the voice of an angel, or merely within the recesses of our Patron's conscience.

St. Joseph was a gentleman because his mind and heart were subservient to every inspiration of Divine Grace.

T. K. Murphy, '25.

### Maybe It Was a Vacant Lot.

Physiology Teacher: "What is the distance between my ears?"  
Bright Student: "One block."

## Christopher Of Columbia

### Chap. 3.

Next morning from his place in the rear of the Chapel, Chris watched the students going and returning from Holy Communion. He was surprised at the number and their intentness. Woolbert was there, as well as Phisby, who was transformed, his scarred face settled in rigid, serious lines. Chris reflected that a student should be observed from more than one point of view.

He met Jimmy Dyer that morning. In fact he couldn't help but meet Dyer, since they were together in all classes. Before noon they had scribbled names in each other's brand new text-books, exchanged confidences, and were fast friends.

The professors gave tremendous lectures on the importance of what they had to teach, recommending endless work to be done and predicting how jolly it was going to be. Chris was filled with enthusiasm and began to read the preface to the Latin book. His interest flagged at about the third sentence, and anyway the dinner bell rang, so he hunted up Dyer and they went over together. They sat near a queer sort of student, whether new or old they didn't know. He seemed to commune with himself loftily and gravely, not heeding the light prattle of banter around him. Suddenly he interrupted a remark of Chris.

"I put it across. I know I did."

"What?" said Chris, startled.

"At noon I'm a student, but at night I'm a genuine orator."

"What are you in the morning?" asked Dyer, who was amused.

"Sleepy," grunted the other. He glowered, unbent, and then asked, "Do you belong to the intelligence club?"

"Maybe he means that Latin class," Dyer whispered.

"What is it?" Chris asked.

"Ah, that's the secret. That's for those who prove their capacity to meet its requirements."

"He's talking about the Saturday afternoon detention," chimed up an old student who had tuned in.

The interruption nearly drove the mysterious one back into his aloofness, but Chris and Dyer pressed and coaxed him. So after many warnings, circumlocutions, and frownings he let them know that the intelligence club was a secret society holding nightly meetings in one of the dormitories. To qualify for membership a candidate had to be able to make a five-minute speech on absolutely nothing at all.

"That's how I acquired my proficiency," he concluded modestly, and invited them to attend the meeting that night to apply for membership.

"You're good at talking about nothing," Chris told him. "You must do it a lot."

The other felt quite complimented, noting to himself that the youngster had good judgment. They promised to be present.

After dinner Chris presented Dyer to Woolbert, who offered to show them what was to be seen around the city, the afternoon being free. It was fine September weather, and after showing them how to get down town (and back), Woolbert struck out with them for the grave of Julien Dubuque hanging on a bluff over the river.

"Did he die here?" asked Dyer.

"I couldn't say," Woolbert answer-

## ACADEMY HONOR ROLL

### Fourth Academics.

1. Bassler, Claude	93
2. Spahn, Charles	92
Ahlers, Alois	92
4. Conley, Joseph	90.2
5. Kress, Clifford	90

### Third Academics

1. Fencel, Edward	97.6
2. Schieltz, Cyril	96.4
3. McEnany, Francis	96
4. Finley, John	93.6
5. Cassidy, James	93.1
6. Farrell, Thomas	92.8
7. Willging, Eugene	92.6
8. Lueck, Edwin	91.4
9. Gussman, Sylvester	91
10. Smitherum, Joseph	91
11. Stitz, Henry	91
12. Fahey, Barnard	90.2
13. Greteman, Bernard	90
14. Haverland, Sylvester	89.6
Hoppman, Joseph	89.6
Slade, John C.	89.6
15. Keating, Donald	89.5

### Second Academics.

1. Hoffman, Albert	93.6
2. Reynolds, Harold	92.6
3. Kintzle, Clarence	92
Mullen, William	92
5. Butler, Marcus	90.8
6. Ahrendt, Melvin	90.6
7. Tekippe, Clarence	90.2

### First Academics.

1. Meisen, Lawrence	96
2. Strohmeier, Eldon	95.6
3. Ernsdorff, Louis	95.4
Linehan, Edmund	94.8
6. Krocheski, Joseph	94.2
7. Kolfenbach, Elwin	93.6
8. Lorenz, Alfred	93
9. Jaeger, Alvin	92.8
Nelson, Thomas	92.8
11. Kreiser, Trehain C.	92.6
12. Runde, Louis	92.4
13. Graham, John E.	89.6

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the preceding is over is common among college newspapers. The new staff is thus enabled to get in the experience of several numbers before taking up their duties anew in September.

If any student at Loras hall wishes to become a member of The Lorian staff he should remember these things. He should hand in his news story on or before Sunday, March 22—the sooner the better—and sign his name. Many of these stories will not be published but all will be considered as a basis for appointment.

If any one wishes an assignment he should see the editor-in-chief of The Lorian who will send him out on a story. Since a nose for news is one of the requisites for a good reporter it is recommended that the "try-outers" dig up their own assignments.

ed. "But to quote a Columbian of former days, his sarcophagus reposes in that mausoleum. That students president of a college now. They say he got the position because he could use bigger words than anyone else on the faculty. So that leaves great hopes for Wilton Seymour."

"Who's he?"

"Why, I thought you two knew him. I saw him talking to you at dinner. He runs some kind of a crazy intelligence club. But we'd better be turning back or Chris will be having his second conference with the Master of Discipline."

(To Be Continued)

## THE VARSITY SEASON

Although the Columbia College basketball team lost eight games while it was winning five during the season just closed, students and general public are satisfied with the showing made by the Purple and Gold. Most of the defeats suffered by the locals were hard-fought games, and the morale of the team never suffered eclipse. Changing from a small floor to a large one in the middle of the season had its effect in slowing up the general team work; and at the same time, the quality of the opposition was of the highest. In percentage of games won and lost, the varsity stood about midway in the Western Interstate Conference race. None of the six "letter" men will be lost by graduation; hence, Coach Anderson has a bright outlook for a winning team next year.

It is of special interest to our St. Joseph Hall readers to know that of the six "letter" men, three (Kellogg, Morgan, and Kelsh) are products of the academy and received their initial training and experience on Columbia prep teams.

The summary of the varsity season follows:

Columbia, 22; Wisconsin School of Mines, 20; at Dubuque.

Columbia, 27; Armour Tech, 17; at Dubuque.

Columbia, 12; Luther, 15; at Dubuque.

Columbia, 19; LaCrosse Normal, 33; at LaCrosse.

Columbia, 28; St. Viator, 39; at Dubuque.

Columbia, 25; Valparaiso, 35; at Valparaiso.

Columbia, 27; St. Viator, 30; at Kankakee.

Columbia, 21; De Paul university, 19.

Columbia, 24; LaCrosse Normal, 29; at Dubuque.

Columbia, 14; Valparaiso, 24; at Dubuque.

Columbia, 37; De Paul university, 23; at Dubuque.

Columbia, 26; Luther, 18.

Columbia, 25; Notre Dame university, 44.

Letter men:  
Bernard White, Eldora, Iowa, captain; forward.

Joe Kellogg, Janesville, Wis., center; captain elect.

Peter Morgan, Hollandale, Wis., forward.

Orrey Smith, Rockford, Ill., guard.

Richard Dorsey, Plymouth, Iowa, guard.

Matt Kelsh, Dougherty, Iowa, guard and forward.

### Punctuate This

Author Unknown

A funny little man told this to me  
I fell in a snowdrift in June said he  
I went to a ball game out in the sea  
I saw a jelly fish float up in a tree  
I found some gum in a cup of tea  
I stirred my milk with a big brass  
key  
I opened a door on my bended knee  
I beg your pardon for this said he  
But 'tis true when told as it ought to  
be  
'Tis a puzzle in punctuation you see.

### A 100% Joke.

Eager Student: "What is the highest mark for the six weeks' report?"  
Teacher: "The highest mark is 100; but nobody got it."



# Academy Playing In Tourney At Chicago

## National Catholic Tournament Held At Loyola University.

The Academy basketball team left for Chicago Wednesday afternoon to participate in the National Catholic interscholastic tournament held at Loyola University. The games are being played in the Loyola University Alumni gymnasium.

The tournament was inaugurated in 1924, and so enthusiastic was the response that its success as an annual affair was assured. Thirty-two teams participated in the first tournament. We have seen last year's champions play, Spalding Institute of Peoria, and from them can judge quite well the brand of basketball played.

There are four team prizes offered, and four individual prizes, as well as four special trophies. The Cardinal Mundelein Cup for the team winning the championship; The William H. Powell Cup for the team scoring the highest number of points in the first round; The Charles J. Boedeker Cup for the team exhibiting the highest caliber of sportsmanship in and out of actual play; the George W. Stiles Silver Plaque for the team coming the greatest distance to compete.

Loyola University Alumni gym, the scene of the tournament, boasts of the largest unobstructed wooden floor space of any gymnasium in the world: 175 ft. by 95 ft., or 16,625 sq. ft. The playing court is 95 ft. by 50 ft. The gym has a seating capacity of 5,000.

The Academy played a school from Clarksburg, West Virginia, this morning but we were unable to obtain the results for this issue. If the Academy has survived that game, their next encounter will be played tomorrow.

The games are being broadcast from the best radio stations in Chicago. An announcer is stationed in the gym who transmits the results and items of interest as the games are being played.

During their stay in Chicago the contestants are the guests of Loyola University. The University has made provisions for their comfort at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, one of the best in the city.

## ACADEMY BASEBALL PROSPECTS.

With the coming of Spring we again hear the crack of ball against bat and mitt, and it is only a short time until we shall hear the pleasant command, "Play Ball!"

To the Academy this means much. Every year a successful team has been turned out and this year the students hope as they have hoped in the past to turn out another good team. We can almost be assured of this although most of the material will be gotten from new or inexperienced students. We have only one "letter" man back from last year. Ralph Hohmann, a day student. Of the last year's squad, McCrea, Nicholson, Tobin, Brown, and Behn are back. Some of the students that rumors have established as baseball players are Klees, pitcher; Ball, a

## KELLOGG ELECTED BASKETBALL CAPTAIN

### Three Major Sports Headed By Academy Alumni.

At a meeting of varsity "letter" men, held Saturday, Joe Kellogg, of Janesville, Wis., was elected captain for the season 1925-26. Joe has completed two years of stellar playing on the college team after having been a member of the academy team for several seasons. Kellogg is noted for his versatility in athletics. Holding down a position on the varsity football team during the past two years, he has been considered one of the best ends in the Western Interstate Conference. While still in the academy, Kellogg earned his CA in baseball, basketball, and football, and in addition he has always found a place on the scholastic honor roll, both in the college and in the academy.

"Cutie" Entringer, football captain elect, is another academy product. Starting his career on the "Midgets", Albert eventually won a position on the regular prep team and earned his CA in 1921. In his freshman year at Loras Hall he not only "made" the varsity, but gained recognition as one of the fastest and headiest quarterbacks the Purple and Gold has ever developed. Last year he received mention from Eckersall among western celebrities, and was chosen as All-Conference quarterback. For that same position, he ran Joe Kerwick, of bygone days, a close second for the Purgold's All-Time, All-Star Columbia football team.

The name of Eddie Kopel, 1925 baseball captain, is so familiar wherever college baseball is mentioned that he needs no introduction to academy students, even to the new ones. During his prep days, Eddie was the last to abandon the diamond in the fall, and the first to dig up his bat and glove in the spring. He simply takes to baseball as a fish takes to water. During his second academic year at St. Joseph Hall, Eddie had no higher ambition than to pitch for the "Teenie Weenies"; but when the "Midgets" objected to the curves and speed served by the future varsity captain, Eddie in disgust tried out for the academy team—and made it. Of course, he got to be captain before he severed his connections with the high school team; and, to make a long story short, he is now captain elect of the varsity. If you want to see about the best third baseman in college circles, don't look at anybody else but Eddie.

fielder; Kuennen, a second baseman, of last year's St. Lucas team; Pacetti, a catcher; and Rudy, a shortstop.

Of the old students who showed promise on independent teams last year are Doran, Bortscheller, Nemmers, Carr, and Lefebure.

Earl Tangney of Sheldon, Ia., and Satolli McGuinn, both former Columbia College students, have purchased the Russell-Lamson Hotel at Waterloo. Columbia products make good in all walks of life.

## FATHER BYRNE WRITES OF JAI ALAI

No feature of the West Indies cruise is without its attraction. However, a little story of the Spanish national ball game, called Jai Alai, which I had the pleasure of witnessing in the Fronton, Habana, Cuba, will be a subject of special interest to Columbia College students, Academicians and Collegians. This all the more because a 1925 graduate-to-be, of the academic department, and a star athlete, Henry Aldrete, Guadalupe, Mexico, has played the game, is familiar with its rules and regulations, and is able to correct any mistakes I may make in this narrative.

The Spanish national ball game, somewhat similar to our handball game, is called Jai Alai or Pelota. Pelota is the Spanish name for ball. The ball itself, much smaller than our baseball, is made in Spain of very thin, best quality, leather, so tightly wrapped that it is quite impossible to tear it apart with the hands. The bat, Spanish name Pala, is about 18 inches in length, curved like a saber at the point, only much wider and scooped like a ladle, made of very light and flexible material, with a glove attached to the handle. The game is played indoors in a court.

The wonderful handball sport, Jai Alai or Pelota, has been many years in development from a simple handball game, played on the blank end wall of a village church, to be the most attractive, entertaining game of today. Enthusiasm runs high at all these games. The craze is magnified by their Quinielas (lotteries). The runners or stakeholders, in their brilliant red caps, form an interesting group at all Pelota games. To me, it seemed more attention was given the red caps than the real actors on the stage, the young men playing the game. By the way, I noticed that only Whites played in the Jai Alai game. Colored folk, you know, are mostly trump in the West Indies. The court floor is divided into equal squares or blocks, 12 feet wide, indicated by the vertical lines on the side walls. These lines are numbered consecutively from the front to the back wall. At the fourth and seventh block lines are drawn across the floor. These lines limit the space within which the ball, when served against the wall at the beginning of the game, must strike to be fair. Line number 4 is called the Fault-line and line number 7 the Pass-line.

As a general rule matched games are played by four men, two against two. Sometimes, however, the game is played in three against three. In every event the rules and regulations are the same.

In matched games the players are designated by the color of their shirts: Blanco y Azul (white and blue). The players whom I observed were all splendid figures of young manhood. Their entire game dress is the most chaste of all the athletic uniforms which I have seen. Their trousers are white and full length. Their shirts are white and blue in matched games and are made with short sleeves to the elbows with sailor collar. The belt is either

## ACADEMY BASKETBALL

Summary of Academy Basketball season:

Academy, 16; Business Men, 4.  
Academy, 25; East Dubuque, 11.  
Academy, 14; Waukon, 22.  
Academy, 20; Potosi, 7.  
Academy, 26; Cascade, 18.  
Academy, 20; St. Patrick's, 12.  
Academy, 13; Spalding, 43.  
Academy, 25; Immaculate Conception, 6.  
Academy, 23; East Dubuque, 5.  
Academy, 23; Waterloo, 10.  
Academy, 15; Monticello, 17.  
Academy, 24; Monticello, 25.  
Academy, 26; Cascade, 18.  
Academy, 38; St. Patrick's, 24.  
Academy, 27; Cascade, 6.

Totals: Academy, 335; Opponents, 228.

When Father Sheehy issued the call for basketball players only twenty-nine men answered. Most of these were inexperienced as only three of last year's squad were left.

Father Sheehy deserves credit for turning out a winning team. Although at the first of the season the team was slow and undependable, it has speeded up and shown what it really can do.

Out of the fifteen games that our boys have played, they have lost only four. The probable reason why the Academy lost to Waukon and Spalding was that these teams were playing out of their class. The men of both teams have played together for the last two years. In this respect they excelled the Academy in weight and in experience. The Academy has been in top form for the last two games against St. Patrick's and Cascade—tournament winner of class B.

The season has produced no individual stars. Aldrete at center was always full of fight and could be depended on. Reed at forward, one of St. Berchman's last year's stars, showed flashy floor work all season. Capt. Connell, center and guard, was always on the spot to keep up the old fight. O'Connor, forward, could be relied on for long shots when the defense of the opposing team was tight. Tobin, a guard, showed great speed and fight. Kaye, could be compared with Horatio at the bridge, at standing guard.

The "subs" deserving of credit are: McCrae, forward; Pacetti, guard; Conley, center and forward; and Nicholson, forward.

black or dark brown. Their uniform is attractive.

At the beginning of the game the toss of a coin determines which team, Blancos or Azulos, shall first serve the ball. After that the team scoring one point merits the privilege to serve first in the next play. The side which wins the stipulated number of points wins the game. The night we witnessed this game, or two games played by eight sportsmen, 25 and 30 were points in number.

I only wish we had the court in Dubuque for such a game. In that event I believe we could bring four of these players here for an entertainment. It would surely draw the town and country around. It would be the greatest ad yet placed for Columbia College.



## MENTAL ALERTNESS DEPARTMENT

### A MATHEMATICAL PUZZLE.

The athletic department of the Cee-Ay was recently asked to draw up a baseball schedule for a league in which ten teams are to participate. In view of the fact that a certain amount of mathematics is involved in the solution of this problem, we are submitting the proposition to our kind readers with the hope that one or more of them will be able to get us out of the difficulty before the national game gets under way. The reward offered is one dollar.

Here are the facts with which you must work, and a solution of a part of the problem:

1. There are to be ten teams in the league.

2. The ten teams must be in action simultaneously on nine separate dates.

3. Each team must play every other team in the league once.

4. No team may play any other team more than once.

5. No team may play more than one game on any one day.

For the sake of uniformity, we shall name the teams: Pirates, Yanks, Giants, Cubs, Tigers, Cardinals, Senators, Sox, Indians, and Dodgers.

In submitting your solutions, please list separately each of the nine scheduled dates with the games arranged for that date. To make the matter easy for you, we offer here a tentative schedule of games for the first date. All you have to do is to arrange the eight remaining dates. This is the first date:

April 15: Pirates vs. Yanks; Giants vs. Cubs; Tigers vs. Cardinals; Senators vs. Sox; Indians vs. Dodgers.

In your solutions, please submit the following data:

1. The total number of games to be played by the league as a unit.

2. A copy of the complete schedule.

3. A statement of the method by which you arranged the games.

Please hand your solutions to Mr. W. B. Kann.

### A CROSS-EYED PUZZLE

Help! Help! Here's a code message that came in last night so hot it nearly burned the telegraph wires off the poles. It seems to be from our old friend Holloway in Chicago—but why he put the message in code is beyond us, unless there be dark schemes afoot for our safety. At any rate it must be mighty important, for he even paid for it! And if it is important we want to know what it is all about—we stayed up the greater part of last night trying to solve it, but failed. So we give it to your more talented minds—you who have a mixture of Sherlock Holmes and Edgar Allen Poe in your veins. We will give the first man who solves this code completely a dollar bill—and this offer is open to anyone, even the College men:

Editor, the CEE-AYE:

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## NEWS ITEMS.

### Father McGreevy Wins Prize.

The following item, clipped from the Chicago Examiner, regarding Father McGreevy (Columbia, '10), is self-explanatory:

"It gives us great pleasure today to be able to award first prize of 'ready-made' cross-word puzzle No. 2 to a minister of the gospel.

"And let us make ourselves clear right now folks, that it was not an act of partiality or goodness that caused us to make the award payable to Rev. Father McGreevy of St. Mary's College, at Winona, Minn.

"Father McGreevy submitted the correct solution for puzzle No. 2, as well as the best 100-word composition, using in its construction twenty-seven words from the original puzzle for a sermonette.

"It was because that composition so far surpassed all others that we made out a check for \$10 in his favor."

Knute Rockne, football coach at Notre Dame University was called "a Norwegian novelist," a "violin player," "Scandinavian jockey" and a "member of the league of nations," in a test given 250 University of Chicago co-eds, who were asked to identify prominent men. Perhaps the co-eds thought the Four Horsemen had to have a jockey.

Dan O'Brien, former Columbia all-round star, is the proud father of a bouncing baby boy born about a week ago. If athletic prowess is hereditary, Columbia will be boasting of an All-American in about 18 years.

"The Witness," official organ of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, was the recipient last week of a highly congratulatory letter from the National Catholic Welfare Council. Father Conry's and Father Rowan's editorials cause favorable comment in all parts of the country.

Fathers Skahill, Sheehy, and Theobald have been indisposed for a few days with a slight attack of the grippe.

Father Russell helped Father McCaffrey at Holy Cross, Sunday. Father McCaffrey has been too ill to attend to his Sunday work for several weeks.

Considerable interest was aroused in local radio circles Sunday night when KYW of Chicago broadcast the pairings for the National Catholic Tournament. The first receiving set to pick up the message was Father Steffen's. Others also reported fair success.

After singing the High Mass and preaching at the college lesat Sunday, Father Breen went to Galena where he conducted the Lenten devotions at St. Mary's Church.

Messrs. Lim and Young, our two Chinese students in attendance at

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Loras Hall, made a profound impression on the judges at the preliminary contest arranged for the selection of the orators for Thursday night. Both young men had well prepared speeches, and both delivered their messages in a convincing and impressive manner.

Father Rooney of Manchester is still on the sick list. His place last Sunday was supplied by Father Fitzgerald.

A recent letter from Bill Blake assures us that he still thinks of Columbia, and that, as usual, he will be here for the annual retreat during Holy Week. Among other interesting items, Bill mentions that Walter Shea, Paul Ryan, and Albert Miller are living near him, and are doing fine.

Mr. Baldus, of Story City, Iowa, has been a guest of the college the past few days, his visit being occasioned by the illness of his son, Alfred.

Leo Croake is back at his studies after a week's visit at home, due to sickness. Robert, who went with Leo, has not yet returned, but it is hoped he will soon be well enough to resume his work.

The March handball tournament is in full swing, judging by the shouts emanating from the Henion street courts. As usual, the Cardinals play to a packed house every time they are scheduled to appear.

The Fitzpatrick Sporting Goods firm had an excellent athletic display in their front window last week. In it the Columbia College basketball team, athletic director, and varsity coach had a conspicuous place.

Father Sheehy, at last week's La-Crosse Normal School assembly, presented the basketball team with the official conference trophy, made the speech of the day, and was back in Dubuque before most of his associates were aware that he was away. Pep!

The identity of the modest author of "Christopher of Columbia" still remains a mystery. He assured one inquisitive fan (who seemed to be on the right track) that the author was anonymous. The answer satisfied.

### PURGOLD ITEM.

All the snapshots for the Annual were sent to the engravers on Wednesday, and to the satisfaction of the staff the snapshots were of a good quality. The Faculty is well represented in the snapshot department. There were some five hundred snaps handed in. And the staff is especially grateful to those who handed in snaps as it will be that part of the book that will go through a real process of research by the reader when issued.

It has been rumored that some students as well as Faculty members have expressed the intention of purchasing some extra Annuals. At last we have something that will be a real inducement for young men to matriculate at Columbia—and that is an Annual.

## Shortest Short Story

### Earl Kennedy Wins Honors But Loses Six Cents.

It took a second academic to introduce a new situation into the Cee-Ay's shortest short story contest. Here we have Earl Kennedy submitting the best short story, but unfortunately forgetting to count his words. The result is that his total reaches 312, and hence he owes the Cee-Ay six cents—a half a cent a word for all the words over three hundred. Our readers will remember that according to the rules of the contest each winner is to be rewarded at the rate of half a cent a word for all the words less than three hundred that he does NOT write. Now it requires only a simple process of reasoning to understand that a winner who writes more than three hundred words is obliged to reimburse the Cee-Ay pro rata. However, since this is Earl's first offense, the management cancels his indebtedness with the understanding that the promising young author does not make the same mistake again. Here is the story that caused all the trouble:

### THE PUZZLE PUZZLES.

Frank Collins and George Tully attended the high school at Hanley and were considered model students; but it so happened that during their senior year the cross-word puzzle fad came out, and of course the boys "got the bug." Frequently they stayed up as late as 12:30 looking for synonyms. However, after a time their teacher noticed how sleepy-looking the boys were getting to be and asked the reason. They told him about the latest puzzle they were working and how they hoped to win a prize of one hundred dollars. The teacher regarded the matter as serious and sent the boys to the principal.

"Why does it take you so long to work out a simple thing like that?" asked the principal. "Let me examine it more closely."

An hour and a half later the teacher came up to see what had become of the boys and, noticing the intense interest of the little group, joined the crowd. Still the puzzle remained unsolved. As principal and pupils worked, other teachers made their way to the room, and soon the entire staff had the problem under consideration. Gradually down in the class-rooms the hour hand began to point to four, and the children, answering the call to play, crept stealthily from the building. But the puzzle was still unsolved. All at once the principal looked up from the paper and exclaimed, "What time is it getting to be, anyway?"

"Good gracious," said one of the teachers, "my watch reads a quarter to seven."

"Morning or evening?" asked another.

"Well, whichever it is," concluded the principal, "I'm going to declare a free-day and solve this puzzle. And in the future, if any student dares to bring a cross-word puzzle to this school, he will get more cross words than he is looking for, and will be obliged to memorize the dictionary, besides."

Earl Kennedy, '27.